

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, September 11, 2009

Meet the Candidates Forum- October 7, 2009

The League of Women Voters of Dare County is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates Forum" for the voters of Southern Shores on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7 PM in the Pitts Center. Mayor Don Smith and Hal Denny are running for the 4 year Mayor's seat and will be presenting their positions and answering your questions. Brian McDonald is unopposed for reelection to the Council seat.

Southern Shores Voters will be electing a Mayor and one Council Member on November 3rd. Early voting at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills begins on Thursday October 15th and ends there on Friday, October 30th the hours are 10 am – 4 pm. You may also vote until 1 pm on Saturday, October 31st at the Dare County Board of Elections Office in Manteo. The polls will be open on Election Day at the Pitts Center from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm. Further questions can be addressed to the Dare County Board of Elections 475-5630.

Pine Wood Nematode

You may have noticed some of the pine trees turning brown and dying. These trees have been infected with [Pine Wood nematode](#). The infestation basically affects old trees that will be dying naturally. The Town will continue to chip all brush that is put out in accordance with the established chipping policy (see chipping below). For more information you may go to the above link.

From the Canal Dredge Project Manager-Update

This week a number of prospective bidders were taken through the phase 1 portion of our canal system. These trips allowed them to take bottom samples, probe the bottom to determine consistency, and just get a first-hand look at the conditions under which they might be working.

The boat club generously allowed us to use their work boat for these trips. They also were kind enough to ask for a "Dredge Update" at their breakfast GAM on Thursday. The breakfast was excellent as were the questions from the folks who attended.

The meeting allowed me to share information about the new de-watering method being considered, and to explain in some detail how it works and the potential benefits. There will be another opportunity to hear this method explained, as well as to see a video of the machine in operation, at the SSCA Membership meeting at 7PM on Monday, Sept. 14 at the Pitt Center.

Don't forget to attend the Public Information presentation immediately following the 8 AM Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Joe Anlauf, Town Engineer, will join me in describing the plans for the entire dredging project, including this new methodology.

We are still waiting for one last permit. While there are no guarantees, it certainly appears, at this time, that things are finally falling into place. Depending on bidder response, cost, and final approval from the Corps of Engineers, we should be dredging in November; at least, that's my hope.

I would like to take just a moment here to thank our Town staff for their help over these past months. Their cooperation in support of this project has made much of what I do far less difficult. I am grateful for their efforts.

Finally, you can reach me with questions or comments at (252) 619-5996 or jwbobx@embarqmail.com.

Tom Bennett

Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #3 the week of September 14th. All brush in Sector #3 should be out by Monday morning. Section #4 can start putting their brush out for chipping next week. Visit the [Town website](#) for more information on the Town Chipping Program. Chips are available, please contact [Sheila](#) with your address and place a sign off the rights-of-way where to put the chips.

Dates To Remember:

- SSCA general membership meeting, Monday, September 14, 7 PM, Pitts Center
- Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 22 at 8 am in the Pitts Center.
- Canal Dredge Project Public Information Presentation immediately following the Council Meeting on September 22nd.

If you need a police officer, anytime day or night, please call Central Communications at 252-473-3444. Write that number down or pick up a free sticker at Town Hall. Keep this number by your home phone and put it on your cell phone.

For more information, contact the Southern Shores Town Hall, 252-261-2394, 252-255-0876 (fax), info@southernshores-nc.gov , www.southernshores-nc.gov .

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